THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.26548 of 2005

Dated 13-12-2005

Between:

S.Lachireddy,

Adilabad District

…Petitioner

AND

The Regional Transport Officer,

Adilabad District and another

…Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner's vehicles bearing registration Nos.AP.1.U.341 and AP.1.U.342, (Tractor and Trailer) were seized by the 2nd respondent on 17.09.2002 for certain irregularities and infractions pointed out in the vehicle Check Report No.841706. The seizure was effected under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, on the ground that the petitioner failed to produce necessary documents, in relation to it. The petitioner challenges the seizure.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for the respondents.

A perusal of the Vehicle Check Report, dated 17.09.2002, issued by the 2nd respondent, discloses that the petitioner failed to produce the permit and R.C. etc., of the vehicle. Certain other lapses were also pointed out. The liability of the petitioner in the context of these observations needs to be established in the proceedings to be initiated under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. If the vehicle is detained and kept in the custody of the 2nd respondent till such proceedings take place, not only the petitioner would be put to irreparable loss, but also the vehicle would be exposed to the danger of theft and damage. The interest of the State can be protected by imposing necessary conditions, while permitting the petitioner to keep the custody of the vehicle.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that;

a. the Tractor and Trailer bearing registration Nos. AP.1.U.341 and AP.1.U.342, respectively, shall be released to the petitioner on his depositing a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only).

b. the petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking to the effect that he shall not alienate the vehicles, till the proceedings in pursuance of the Check Report are finalized, and that he shall produce the vehicles as and when required.

L. NARASIMHA REDDY, J.

Dt.13-12-2005

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